

receiving at least one user selection of a pre-defined integration event for each user selected integration area;

displaying the user selected, pre-defined integration events for each user selected integration area;

displaying at least one of a name of a person responsible, a due date, a completion percentage, and a commentary for each user selected, pre-defined integration event; and

storing the user selected, pre-defined integration events and at least one of the name of a person responsible, the due date, the completion percentage, and the commentary for each user selected, pre-defined integration event into corresponding integration areas, as an acquisition integration project plan.

7. (once amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein the step of displaying a detailed explanation for each pre-defined integration event further comprises enabling a user to update the advice for performing an integration event and the at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event during an acquisition process.

9. (once amended) A computer programmed to:

display a plurality of pre-defined integration events based upon at least one user selected integration area, each pre-defined integration event being associated with a phase in an acquisition process;

display a detailed explanation for each pre-defined integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event, the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes;

display at least one user selected, pre-defined integration event for each user selected integration area;

display at least one of a name of a person responsible, a due date, a completion percentage, and a commentary for each user selected, pre-defined integration event; and

store the user selected, pre-defined integration events and corresponding integration areas as an acquisition integration project plan.

14. (once amended) A computer according to Claim 9 further programmed to enable a user to update the advice for performing an integration event and the at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event during an acquisition process.

16. (once amended) A database for acquisition integration comprising:

data corresponding to at least one integration area;

data corresponding to integration events for each integration area; and

data corresponding to a detailed explanation of each integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event wherein the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes.

17. (once amended) A database according to Claim 16 further comprising data corresponding to enabling a user to update the advice for performing an integration event and the at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event during an acquisition process.

24. (once amended) A system for acquisition integration, said system comprising:

a database comprising data corresponding to integration events for at least one integration area, and data corresponding to a detailed explanation of each integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event wherein the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes; and

a server configured to prompt a user to select an integration area and to provide information regarding a status of integration events within the integration area.

26. (once amended) A system according to Claim 24 wherein said database further comprises data corresponding to an overview of acquisition integration, and feedback received from users.

32. (once amended) A method for acquisition integration planning, said method comprising the steps of:

selecting, from an electronic interface, at least one of a plurality of integration areas;

identifying, from the electronic interface, a responsible person responsible for each integration area;

identifying, from the electronic interface, at least one of a person responsible and a due date for each integration event within an integration area;

requesting, from the electronic interface, a percentage completion for each integration event; and

requesting, from the electronic interface, a detailed explanation for an integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event wherein the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes.

34. (once amended) A method according to Claim 32 further comprising the step of using the electronic interface to update the advice for performing an integration event and the at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event during an acquisition process.

38. (once amended) Apparatus comprising:

means for prompting a user to select at least one integration area;

means for displaying a plurality of integration events for the selected integration areas;

means for displaying a detailed explanation for each integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event wherein the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes; and

means for generating an integration acquisition project plan using selected integration events.

44. (once amended) A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for managing acquisition integration to achieve acquisition synergies, customer satisfaction and operational excellence, said computer program comprising a code segment that:

manages integration areas for acquisition integration;

organizes integration events for each integration area;

displays a detailed explanation for each integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event wherein the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes; and

generates an acquisition integration plan including a set of integration events and deliverable checklists based on user selected integration areas, to guide the user through integration process.

58. (once amended) A method for operating a computer, said method comprising the steps of:

prompting a user to select an integration area from an acquisition integration main user interface;

displaying a set of selectable integration events for the selected integration area;

displaying a detailed explanation for each integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event wherein the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes; and

generating an acquisition integration project plan incorporating selected integration events.

66. (once amended) A computer programmed to:

prompt a user to select an integration area from a computer generated screen configured as an acquisition integration main user interface;

display a set of selectable integration events for the selected integration area;

display a detailed explanation for each integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event wherein the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes; and

generate an acquisition integration project plan incorporating user selected integration events.

74. (once amended) A computer-readable medium executable by a computer for controlling the computer to:

receive user selections of pre-defined integration areas;

receive user selections of pre-defined integration events for the selected integration areas;

display a detailed explanation for each selected pre-defined integration event including advice for performing the integration event and at least one sample presentation relating to the integration event wherein the advice and the at least one sample presentation are based on prior acquisition processes; and